

AMENDMENTS

Please enter the following amendments without prejudice or disclaimer.

In the Claims:

Please add new claims 205 and 206 as follows:

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205. (New) A method for suppressing an allergic response to an antigen in a mammal susceptible to an allergic reaction to said antigen which stimulates production of allergy-associated IgE antibodies in the mammal, comprising parenterally administering to the mammal

(a) an effective amount of an immunostimulatory nucleic acid in a plasmid, said immunostimulatory nucleic acid comprising 5'CG3', wherein C is unmethylated, and

(b) an effective amount of the antigen or the antigen encoded in the plasmid.

206. (New) A pharmaceutical composition for stimulating an immune response to an antigen, comprising pREP7 encoding the antigen and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.